

**Table 1. Births and birth rates, by age, race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, final 1996 and preliminary 1997 -Con.**

Age and race/Hispanic origin	1997		1996	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Asian or Pacific Islander, total <sup>2</sup>				
15-44 years <sup>1</sup> .....	170,110	66.5	165,776	65.9
10-14 years .....	191	0.5	227	0.6
15-19 years .....	8,972	24.8	8,565	24.6
15-17 years .....	3,462	15.3	3,231	14.9
18-19 years .....	5,509	40.4	5,334	40.4
20-24 years .....	27,159	72.0	27,038	70.7
25-29 years .....	53,289	113.6	50,790	111.2
30-34 years .....	51,042	109.8	50,366	109.2
35-39 years .....	24,131	53.3	23,406	52.2
40-44 years .....	5,019	11.6	5,094	12.2
45-49 years .....	307	0.8	290	0.8
Hispanic <sup>4</sup>				
15-44 years <sup>1</sup> .....	711,753	103.1	701,339	104.9
10-14 years .....	3,210	2.6	3,056	2.6
15-19 years .....	120,220	99.1	118,878	101.8
15-17 years .....	49,779	68.2	48,344	69.0
18-19 years .....	70,442	145.8	70,534	151.1
20-24 years .....	216,675	184.7	214,173	189.5
25-29 years .....	188,943	161.9	185,478	161.0
30-34 years .....	121,152	97.6	119,690	98.1
35-39 years .....	51,025	44.5	49,812	45.1
40-44 years .....	10,116	10.5	9,819	10.8
45-49 years .....	411	0.6	433	0.6

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

<sup>1</sup> Numbers include births to women of all ages. Fertility rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

<sup>2</sup> Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are also included in the data for each race group, according to the mother's reported race; see Technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.

<sup>4</sup> Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical notes.

NOTE: Data are subject to sampling and/or random variation. For information on the relative standard errors of the data and further discussion, see Technical notes.